

Leicester, Oct. 10/74

Dear Frank G.

I am very glad to find that the  
sorrowful thing in M<sup>r</sup>. Fiske's letter does  
not relate to himself personally. I had  
feared that he was more ill, & perhaps about  
to be laid up again. He had already  
named to me the fate of Dr. Whitcomb's  
“Liberator”! I think it must have been the  
result of accident, & not intention. For the Dr.  
is not a fool by any means, & his wife was a  
woman of uncommon sense. They were both  
early, firm, & uncompromising Abolitionists;  
& I shall be very slow to believe that they  
deliberately parted with the Lib. as “waste  
paper”. In either <sup>or any</sup> case, the top is the ~~same~~ <sup>same</sup>,  
& to the last degree vexatious. I am glad  
he got 36 new works from Brooklyn. —

I am extremely glad to hear of Gerrit  
Smith's contribution of his own Anti-Slavery  
Collection! That is a fine addition, indeed;  
& Mr. Fiske is a real book-enthusiast, & a  
model librarian.

Some time (not very long) ago I  
was talking with E. Q. about Cornell,  
& its Antisl. library. I remember he  
spoke doubtfully about its permanency, &  
but he, evidently to me, had only very  
general impressions about it; & he  
appeared not to have known of some facts  
wh. I gave him of Mr. Cornell's manage-  
ment of the Cornell fund, and of its  
really "great expectations" in that regard, &  
solid ones too. Still, after what you  
tell me, I should not urge applying to him.  
I was not quite clear, before, that it was  
best to do so.

I thank you for Mr. F.'s letters,  
& return them herewith.

Truly Yrs. S. May Jr.